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These risks, as well as other risks associated with the proposed transaction, are more fully discussed in the proxy statement to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the proposed transaction. While the list of factors presented here is, and the list of factors presented in the proxy statement will be, considered representative, no such list should be considered to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. Unlisted factors may present significant additional obstacles to the realization of forward looking statements. Consequences of material differences in results as compared with those anticipated in the forward-looking statements could include, among other things, business disruption, operational problems, financial loss, legal liability to third parties and similar risks, any of which could have a material adverse effect on Splunk’s financial condition, results of operations, or liquidity. 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Chuck Robbins

Chair & CEO, Cisco



Deal rationale

1. Strong strategic fit

- Brings together two established leaders with complementary capabilities in AI, security and full stack observability
- Cisco + Splunk combined capabilities will create end-to-end data platform to enhance digital resiliency

2. Shared vision & values

- Two companies with strong heritage of innovation, technology and execution
- Complementary cultures
- Cisco and Splunk will accelerate innovation across our mission-critical technologies to solve our customers' greatest challenges

3. Accelerate business transformation

- Creates one of the world's largest software companies
- Enables Cisco's software portfolio and GTM strategy
- Drives higher subscriptions and recurring revenue
- Expected to add \$4 billion of ARR

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Deal rationale

4. Financially compelling opportunity

- Significant synergies including GTM and product synergies
- Expected to accelerate revenue growth and transform long-term growth profile
- Beginning in year 1, post close, cash flow accretive and nominal EPS impact
- Cash flow and non-GAAP EPS accretive in year 2 and beyond
- Expect Gross margin expansion

5. Accelerates & expands TAM

- Expect Splunk to accelerate our portfolio in the fast growing \$31B Observability TAM
- Strengthens our capabilities in the \$32B security TAM in threat detection and response, including \$10B TAM expansion into SIEM and adjacencies
- Take advantage of greater AI, security and observability opportunities

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Gary Steele

President and CEO, Splunk



Key benefits for Splunk stakeholders

Enhancing customers' digital resilience

Delivering the most comprehensive security and observability portfolio powered by AI

Expanding reach through Cisco's customer support/success infrastructure, global partner reach, GTM engine and installed base

Increasing investments to accelerate innovation and develop new solutions through expanded set of resources

Culturally aligned organizations

Bringing together two customer-first cultures focused on innovation and growth

Emphasizing DEIB, community and purpose among our people

Creating new opportunities for Splunk employees through talent development programs

Building on shared values and mission to empower organizations to generate positive impact through data

Maximizing value for shareholders

Transaction reflects significant progress over 18 months to accelerate our path to profitability with improved efficiency and increased cost discipline

We have generated significant value for Splunk shareholders year-to-date through standalone actions

Transaction delivers compelling and immediate value

..... Together, we'll provide organizations with the most comprehensive product portfolio needed to help keep their digital systems safe and secure

Scott Herren

CFO, Cisco



Deal overview

Structure

\$157 per share, in cash,
representing \$28 billion in
equity value

Expected to close by the end of
the third quarter of calendar
year 2024, subject to
customary Splunk shareholder
and regulatory approval

Financial impact expectations

Beginning in year 1, post close,
cash flow accretive and
immaterial EPS impact

Cash flow and non-GAAP EPS
accretive in year 2 and beyond

Capital return program

No change to capital
return objectives

Committed to maintaining
strong balance sheet...current
share buyback program and
steadily increasing dividend

Disciplined M&A strategy
unchanged

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Key takeaways



Strong strategic and cultural fit...value creation through shared vision of the future, strong execution, world-class management team and talented employees



Unique opportunity to expand our business in exciting fast-growing markets, driving significant synergies and increased shareholder value



Accelerates revenue growth and business model transformation while enhancing long-term growth profile



Combines complementary capabilities across AI, security, and observability to create an end-to-end data platform to enhance digital resiliency



Accelerates innovation across mission-critical technologies to solve our customers' greatest challenges

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To power an inclusive
future for all

To build a safer and more
resilient digital world

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction and required stockholder approval, Splunk will file with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement and a definitive proxy statement. The proxy statement will be mailed to the stockholders of Splunk. **Splunk's stockholders are urged to carefully read the proxy statement (including all amendments, supplements and any documents incorporated by reference therein) and other relevant materials filed or to be filed with the SEC and in their entirety when they become available because they will contain important information about the proposed transaction and the parties to the transaction.** Investors may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC at its website at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Splunk by going to Splunk's Investor Relations page on its corporate website at <https://investors.splunk.com> or by contacting Splunk Investor Relations at ir@splunk.com or (415) 848-8400.

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